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## **FOREST PLAN REVISION WORKGROUP MEETINGS CONTINUE IN FEBRUARY**

**Coeur d'Alene, ID and Libby, MT: Please post this news release, especially the meeting dates, in your Newspaper, on your radio station etc.** The Forest Plan Revision Workgroups in northern Idaho and northwest Montana have been meeting since November learning about: workgroup member's interests and issues, the planning process, what changes need to be made from the 1987 Forest Plans, and have now started developing what they would like the Geographic Area (GA) to look like now and in the future, also known as the Desired Condition.

"The workgroups have been working through many complex and controversial issues and it's encouraging to see people with diverse points of view sitting at the table and discussing how best we can move forward in developing what they would like the Geographic Area to look like now and in the future", reports Jodi Kramer, Public Affairs Officer for the revision team. The workgroups are meeting every two weeks or monthly to develop the Desired Condition statements for the GA they are working on.

However, participating in the workgroup meetings is not the only one way that the public can be involved and submit their comments. Comments can also be submitted in writing, either regular mail or email ([r1\\_kipz\\_revision@fs.fed.us](mailto:r1_kipz_revision@fs.fed.us)). The Forest Service encourages the segment of the public that can attend the meetings to do so, to help build understanding of other interests and desires and work through the complex issues.

If you have not attended any previous workgroup meetings and would like to get caught up on what the group has been working on or would like to know more about the workgroup in your community, contact your local District Ranger or Jodi Kramer at (208) 765-7235. Please see our website <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz> for a constantly updated schedule of upcoming meetings, workgroup meeting notes, and other information about the revision process.

## **Currently Scheduled Meetings:**

### **Idaho Panhandle National Forest Meetings**

- **Priest Lake, ID: Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm, Priest Lake Ranger Station Cookhouse, Contact: 208-443-2512.**
- **St. Maries, ID: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Maries Federal Building, Contact: 208-245-6072.**
- **Bonnors Ferry, ID: Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm, Bonners Ferry Library, Contact: 208-267-6701.**
- **Spokane, WA: Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm, BLM Office at 1103 N. Fancher Road in Spokane, WA, Contact: 208-765-7438.**
- **Sandpoint, ID: Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm, District Office in Federal Building, Contact: 208-265-6601.**
- **Coeur d'Alene, ID: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 pm, Cannon Elementary School at E. 27405 School Loop Road off Rose Lake exit on I-90, Contact: 208-769-3001.**

### **Kootenai National Forest Meetings**

- **Noxon, MT: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm, Heron School Resource Room, Contact: 406-827-0714.**
- **Troy, MT: Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm, Troy Ranger Station, Contact: 406-295-7438.**
- **Eureka, MT: Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30 pm, Lincoln County Annex Building Conference Room in Eureka, Contact: Steve Newman at 406-296-2514 or Glen McNitt at 406-296-2536.**
- **Libby, MT: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm, Libby City Hall in Ponderosa Room, Contact: 406-283-7598.**

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